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INFO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 1255

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, PINT, CH

SUBJ: CHOU EN-LAI DISSATISFACTION WITH FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY

REF: (A) PEKING 1210 (NOTAL) (B) PEKING 1250

1. DURING OCTOBER 19 CONVERSATION (REFTEL B), MINEXTAFF  
DIRECTOR FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS DANIEL MOLGAT TOLD USLO OFFICERS  
THAT IN ADDITION TO POINTS MADE REFTEL A, PREMIER CHOU  
HAD BLAMED HIS FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS IN FRONT OF  
CANADIANS FOR FAILURE TO DEMONSTRATE SUPERIORITY OF  
PRC SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM OVER THAT OF TAIWAN BY  
SELLING LOW QUALITY GOODS ABROAD. MOLGAT ADDED THAT  
CHOU HAD EXPRESSED SIMILAR DISSATISFACTION IN FRONT  
OF TRADE MINISTER PEPIN IN 1971 AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER  
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SHARP IN 1972.

2. COMMENT: CHOU'S ACCUSATION THAT TRADE MINISTRY HAD FAILED TO REFLECT PRC SUPERIORITY OVER TAIWAN SHOWS DEPTH OF HIS IRRITATION AND MAY HELP EXPLAIN WHY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PA HSIANG-KUO WAS REPLACED BY VICE FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER LI CH'ANG THIS WEEK (NCNA OCTOBER 20). WITH APPOINTMENT OF LI, A SHANGHAINSE, CHOU'S REPORTED FAITH IN SHANGHAI'S PRODUCTION AND MARKETING METHODS (REF A) WILL RECEIVE CRITICAL TEST.

3. REFTEL A IS BEING REPEATED TO CINCPAC.  
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